



WISCONSIN

**DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Division of Economic Support  
Bureau of Welfare Initiatives

**TO: Economic Support Supervisors  
Economic Support Lead Workers  
Training Staff  
FSET Administrative and Provider Agencies  
Child Care Coordinators  
W-2 Agencies**

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**PRIORITY: High**

**SUBJECT: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - INCOME LIMIT CHANGES BASED ON NEW  
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL REVISIONS (1999)**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** MA Handbook, Appendices 19, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 30.  
Income Maintenance Manual, Chapter I, Part A.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** See specific dates below.

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has published its annual update of the Poverty Income Guidelines (aka, Federal Poverty Level, or FPL) in the Federal Register (via Internet). Several income limits and other amounts used in some MA determinations are based upon the FPL.

An update of CARES tables (TMEP & TMST) to these new figures in a mass change was done the weekend of 04/10/99. The changes will appear in production Monday, 04/12/99.

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT COMMUNITY SPOUSE INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: 05-01-99  
Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 23.6.0.

ITEM	OLD AMOUNT	NEW AMOUNT
Minimum Allocation	\$ 1,809.00	\$ 1,843.33
Shelter Base Amount	\$ 542.50	\$ 553.00

**SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT FAMILY MEMBER INCOME ALLOWANCE**

Effective: 05-01-99  
 Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 23.6.0.

GROUP SIZE	OLD AMOUNT	NEW AMOUNT
Each eligible family member	\$ 452.08	<b>\$ 460.83</b>

**QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (QMB)**

Effective: 01-01-99  
 Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 27.3.2..

You do not have to implement the QMB change retroactively, except at the request of someone denied because of excess income between January 1, 1999, and the implementation date of these new limits.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT QMB (100%)	NEW LIMIT QMB (100%)
1	\$ 670.83	<b>\$ 686.67</b>
2	\$ 904.17	<b>\$ 921.67</b>

**QUALIFIED DISABLED AND WORKING INDIVIDUAL (QDWI)**

Effective: 05-01-99  
 Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 27.7.0.

QDWI eligibility is determined in CARES.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT QDWI (200%)	NEW LIMIT QDWI (200%)
1	\$ 1,341.67	<b>\$ 1,373.33</b>
2	\$ 1,808.33	<b>\$ 1,843.33</b>

**TUBERCULOSIS-RELATED INCOME LIMIT**

Effective: 05-01-99  
 Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 19.7.2.

Special TB-related eligibility is determined manually, not in CARES.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT (200%)	NEW LIMIT (200%)
1	\$ 1,341.67	<b>\$ 1,373.33</b>

**SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (SLMB)**

Effective: 01-01-99  
 Cross Reference: MA Handbook, 27.4.1.

You do not have to implement the SLMB change retroactively, except at the request of someone denied because of excess income between January 1, 1999, and the implementation date of the new limits.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT (120%)	NEW LIMIT (120%)
1	\$ 805.00	<b>\$ 824.00</b>
2	\$ 1,085.00	<b>\$ 1,106.00</b>

**SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PLUS (SLMB +)**

Effective: 01-01-99

Cross Reference: **MA Handbook**, 27.5.1.

You do not have to implement the SLMB + change retroactively, except at the request of someone denied because of excess income between January 1, 1999, and the implementation date of the new limits.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT (135%)	NEW LIMIT (135%)
1	\$ 824.00	<b>\$ 927.00</b>
2	\$ 1,106.00	<b>\$ 1,244.25</b>

**ADDITIONAL LOW INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY (ALMB)**

Effective: 01-01-99

Cross Reference: **MA Handbook**, 27.6.1.

You do not have to implement the ALMB change retroactively, except at the request of someone denied because of excess income between January 1, 1999, and the implementation date of the new limits.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT (175%)	NEW LIMIT (175%)
1	\$ 927.00	<b>\$ 1,201.67</b>
2	\$ 1,244.25	<b>\$ 1,621.92</b>

**OBRA CHILDREN (AT LEAST 6 BUT NOT 19 YEARS OLD BORN AFTER)**

Effective: 05-01-99

Cross Reference: **MA Handbook**, 26.3.2.2 and 30.4.1.2.

Group Size	OLD LIMIT OBRA KIDS (100%)	NEW LIMIT OBRA KIDS (100%)	Group Size	OLD LIMIT OBRA KIDS (100%)	NEW LIMIT OBRA KIDS (100%)
1	\$ 670.83	<b>\$ 686.67</b>	6	\$ 1,837.50	<b>\$ 1,861.67</b>
2	\$ 904.17	<b>\$ 921.67</b>	7	\$ 2,070.83	<b>\$ 2,096.67</b>
3	\$ 1,137.50	<b>\$ 1,156.67</b>	8	\$ 2,304.17	<b>\$ 2,331.67</b>
4	\$ 1,370.83	<b>\$ 1,391.67</b>	9	\$ 2,537.50	<b>\$ 2,566.67</b>
5	\$ 1,604.17	<b>\$ 1,626.67</b>	10	\$ 2,770.83	<b>\$ 2,801.67</b>
			for each person over 10	+ \$ 233.33	<b>+ \$ 235.00</b>

**HEALTHY START (HS) AND PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE)**

Effective: 05-01-99

Cross Reference: (HS) **MA Handbook**, 26.3.2.1 and 30.4.1.1.(PE) **Income Maintenance Manual**, I-A.

Group Size	OLD (133%) LIMIT HS/PE CAT NDY	NEW (133%) LIMIT HS/PE CAT NDY	Group Size	OLD (133%) LIMIT HS/PE CAT NDY	NEW (133%) LIMIT HS/PE CAT NDY
1	\$ 892.21	\$ 913.27	6	\$ 2,443.88	\$ 2,476.02
2	\$ 1,202.54	\$ 1,225.82	7	\$ 2,754.21	\$ 2,788.57
3	\$ 1,512.88	\$ 1,538.37	8	\$ 3,064.54	\$ 3,101.12
4	\$ 1,823.21	\$ 1,850.92	9	\$ 3,374.88	\$ 3,413.67
5	\$ 2,133.54	\$ 2,163.47	10	\$ 3,685.21	\$ 3,726.22
			each person over 10	+ \$ 310.33	+ \$ 312.55

Group Size	OLD (185%) LIMIT HS/PE MED NDY	NEW (185%) LIMIT HS/PE MED NDY	Group Size	OLD (185%) LIMIT HS/PE MED NDY	NEW (185%) LIMIT HS/PE MED NDY
1	\$ 1,241.04	\$ 1,270.33	6	\$ 3,399.38	\$ 3,444.08
2	\$ 1,672.71	\$ 1,705.08	7	\$ 3,831.04	\$ 3,878.83
3	\$ 2,104.38	\$ 2,139.83	8	\$ 4,262.71	\$ 4,313.58
4	\$ 2,536.04	\$ 2,574.58	9	\$ 4,694.38	\$ 4,748.33
5	\$ 2,967.71	\$ 3,009.33	10	\$ 5,126.04	\$ 5,183.08
			each person over 10	+ \$ 431.67	+ \$ 434.75

**QMBs/SLMBs AND COLA DISREGARD**

In the December, 1998, CARES COLA mass change, we stored the COLA increase as "CURRENT DISREGARD" on AFUI. For determinations made in Jan through April 1999 CARES would subtract the COLA increase from the client's income before comparing it to the income limit. This was to compensate for the fact that we did not have the 1999 FPL amounts in the system. For determinations done from May through Dec of 1999, EDBC will not subtract the COLA increase from total income when determining QMB and SLMB eligibility in CARES.